Janet Jackson comes to Scope

The timeless singer brings her tour, "State of the World," to town next week.

PULSE

Pearl Harbor survivor Paul Moore attends ceremony at Little Creek.

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John and Aileen Oman's version of the Gävle Goat, a traditional Christmas display erected annually in Gävle, Sweden, was featured in the Swedish town's newspaper.

Who gets their goat? The Swedes, for one.

John Oman honors his heritage, builds a 9-foot straw goat

By Jeff Hampton
The Virginian-Pilot

MOYOCK, N.C.

A STRAW goat bigger than a bull moose stands in John Oman's backyard, decorated in lights and red ribbons.

It may seem a bit ostentatious for Christmas trimmings, but Oman thinks it's better than one of those massive inflatables. And it harks back to Scandinavian traditions.

His inspiration is the 40-foot straw goat erected each year in Gävle, Sweden, at the beginning of Advent, a tradition of Christian worship leading up to Christmas.

For 10 years, Oman watched a webcam feed of the Gävle Goat, erected in the town's Castle Square every year since 1966. He told his wife, Aileen, he would build a replica of the Gävle Goat in his backyard one day. She wasn't convinced he would do it.

Then three years ago, he

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Franken to step down amid sexual harrassment claims

J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE | THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I may be resigning my seat, but I am not giving up my voice," said Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., with his wife, Franni Bryson, on Thursday. Eight women have said Franken acted inappropriately toward them.

Senator becomes second Democrat to resign this week

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Minnesota Sen. Al Franken announced Thursday he will resign from Congress in the coming weeks following a wave of sexual misconduct allegations and the collapse of support from his Democratic colleagues, a swift political fall for a once-rising Democratic star.

"I may be resigning my seat, but I am not giving up my voice," Franken said in the Senate chamber.

Franken quit just a day after new allegations brought the number of women alleging misconduct by him to at least eight. On Wednesday, one woman said he forcibly tried to kiss her in 2006, an accusation he vehemently denied. Hours later, another woman said Franken inappropriately squeezed "a handful of flesh" on her waist while posing for a photo with

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Simone Askew dreamed of leading Army onto the football field against Navy. On Saturday, she will - and make some history.

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CONGRESSMAN WILL RESIGN AMID CLAIMS

Republican Rep. Trent Franks of Arizona said Thursday he is resigning next month after revealing that he discussed surrogacy with two female staffers.

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CALIF. FIRES RAGE ON, NO END IN SIGHT

Gusty winds and bone-dry conditions across Southern California mean wildfires that have forced tens of thousands to flee could burn for a week.

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Judge: Woman's communication not private in ODU rape case

University, lawsuit plaintiff argue over access to messages written to advocacy group

By Scott Daugherty
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK

Lawyers for Old Dominion University may be allowed to review private communications between a victim advocacy group and a woman who is suing the school, saying it mishandled a rape report.

The woman's attorneys want the communications to remain private, but a federal judge said there could be reasons to disclose some of them to ODU.

Senior U.S. District Judge Henry Morgan Jr. ordered the plaintiff's attorneys Wednesday to turn over the documents to him this week. The judge said he would review them in private and decide whether any are relevant to the university's defense.

Morgan said communications between an advocate and a rape victim are not protected in the same way as those between

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Beach police officer shot during June standoff testifies at preliminary hearing

Bryan Cage's case will go to grand jury, judge rules

L. TODD SPENCER | THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

Bryan Cage enters the courtroom Thursday for his preliminary hearing. He faces several charges in the shooting of Virginia Beach Detective Ryan Sweeney.

By Jane Harper
The Virginian-Pilot

VIRGINIA BEACH

When Detective Ryan Sweeney broke through the door of the garage apartment last summer, the first thing he noticed was the smell of marijuana.

As he turned right, he saw a hazy light and smoke in the air. Almost immediately, a flash exploded from the muzzle of a gun in the distance.

"I hear continuous gunfire, and my right shoulder goes numb," Sweeney said during testimony Thursday in General District Court. "I can't take my gun out with my right hand, so I take it out with my left and I just start shooting."

The detective's testimony came

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rainy, snow possible

High: 40s.
Low: 30s.

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